

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 7 and 11 are currently amended. Claim 16 has been incorporated into Claim 7. Claim 7 has also been amended to correct a minor typographical error. Claim 17 has been incorporated into Claim 11. Claim 11 has also been amended to correct a minor typographical error. Claims 16, 17 and 18 are cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer in order to expedite issuance of a patent comprising claims already indicated as being allowable, and Applicant reserves the right to pursue any cancelled claims in a divisional or continuation application. Claims 4, 5, and 8 had been previously cancelled. New Claims 19-22 are added. Support for the new claims can be found in the Application as filed, for example on page 3 lines 14-24 and FIGS. 1 & 2. Claims 1-3, 6-7, and 9-15, and 19-22 remain in this Application.

The Patent Office is thanked for indicating that Claims 12-15 are allowed. The Patent Office is also thanked for the telephone interview of December 13, 2005 in which the Examiner indicated that Claim 1 is allowable, that Claim 7 would be allowable if Claim 16 were incorporated therein, and that Claim 11 would be allowable if Claim 17 were incorporated therein. New Claims 19-22 are dependent on Claim 1, so-amended Claim 7, so-amended Claim 11, and Claim 12, respectively.

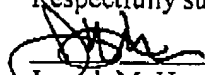
Based upon the above amendments, remarks, and papers of records, Applicant believes the pending claims of the above-captioned Application are in allowable form and patentable over the prior art of record. Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Applicant believes that no extension of time is necessary to make this Reply timely. Should Applicant be in error, Applicant respectfully requests that the Office grant such time extension pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) as necessary to make this Reply timely, and hereby authorizes the Office to charge any necessary fee or surcharge with respect to said time extension to the deposit account of the undersigned firm of attorneys, Deposit Account 03-3325.

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